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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Mikio IKOMA et al.  
Serial No.: 10/603,644  
Filed: June 26, 2003  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR USE IN DISTRIBUTED  
COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT FOR CONVERTING DATA  
FORMAT BETWEEN PROGRAM LANGUAGE-SPECIFIC  
FORMAT USED IN RESPECTIVE COMPUTERS AND  
STREAM FORMAT FOR COMMUNICATION AMONG  
COMPUTERS  
Group: 2126  
Examiner: D. Cao

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 8, 2003

Sir:

On September 17, 2003, a telephone interview was conducted between Frederick D. Bailey, counsel to Applicant, and Examiner Diem Chao to get insight into how the Examiner felt about the amended claims in view of the asserted prior art.

Applicant's separate statement of substance of interview follows:

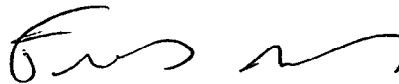
The Examiner stated that the amendment to claim 1 might raise new 112 1<sup>st</sup> issue, because the limitation "conversion is made with using said caching part" is not supported by the specification. The specification (page 11, line 16 - page 12, line 1) teaches using data from another cache, not from the same caching part. The

Examiner asserted that the amended limitation, "a caching part for storing data of the first data format . . . of the second data format" is taught by Fakes et al. (col. 5, lines 46-65) and the amended limitation "for a part or whole of said data . . . of the first data format" is also taught by Fakes et al. (col. 6, lines 11-24).

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing attorney docket no. 0171.36935X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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